

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON MARCH 15, 2004
(Approved April 5, 2004)

The Board of Supervisors held their Workshop Meeting on Monday, March 15, 2004. Present for the meeting were supervisors David Leinbach, Robert F. Preston and W. Atlee Rinehart. Also, in attendance were John A. Koury, Jr., Township Solicitor and Brady Flaharty of ARRO Consulting, Inc. Mr. Preston called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Leinbach arrived at 7:10 p.m.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the March 1, 2004 Monthly Meeting

Mr. Preston moved to accept the minutes of the March 1, 2004 monthly meeting as amended. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried. Amendment being under subheading, Additional Items Brought to the Board, in the tenth paragraph address payment of the building loan as for the existing township building and not relevant to the proposed building addition.

2. REPORTS

Reports from Various Departments and Committees

Mr. Rinehart moved to authorize proposed code enforcement actions as presented on the March 15, 2004 engineer's report. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Preston moved to approve the reports from various departments and committees as submitted. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Fund Balances Report

Mr. LaLonde read the fund balance total listed below. Mr. Rinehart moved to accept the fund balances report as read. Mr. Leinbach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Fund	Checking	Money Market	CDs	Total
General	\$3,263.40	\$43,308.84		\$46,572.24
Capital Reserve		\$994.68		\$994.68
Highway Aid	\$2,446.02	\$82,572.41		\$85,018.43
Tax		\$3,066.84		\$3,066.84
Sanitary Sewer	\$2,106.78	\$520.48		\$2,627.26
Police Safety	\$2,343.03			\$2,343.03
TOTAL				\$140,622.48

Contexant Water Users Fund

\$6,856.57

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Hunzinger of Spring City Ambulance noted Spring City Ambulance has applied for the Advanced Life Support licensure.

4. SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Orchard Ridge

The LaBelle's of Spiece Road noted concerns regarding the length of the abandoned portion of Spiece Road.

Mr. Preston stated the abandoned Spiece Road should be constructed in accordance with the agreements. Mr. Preston suggested the Township Engineer send a letter to High Associates requesting them to make the appropriate changes to the plans. Mr. Preston moved to release the March 2, 2004 Township Engineer letter regarding the Orchard Ridge – Temporary and Permanent Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreements – Spiece Road Abandonment Agreement to High Associates counsel, Charles Schur. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Leinbach abstained due to his position regarding the Spiece Road abandonment.

Mr. Leinbach stated the plans have to be correct and accurate before they are recorded.

Carl Subdivision

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve waiver from Section 105.10 of the Driveway Ordinance to allow the proposed driveway along Ellis Woods Road to be constructed without either a drainage swale or pipe where the proposed driveway intersects Ellis Woods Road as recommended by the Township's Driveway Inspector. It was noted the natural grade flows away from Ellis Woods Road. Mr. Leinbach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

E-Mail Policy

Discussion regarding the e-mail policy has been tabled until pertinent information is retrieved from PSATS.

Veteran's Cemetery Resolution

Mr. Rinehart moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-07 in support of the establishment of the Veteran's Cemetery at the Pennhurst site in East Vincent Township. Mr. Linebach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Heyser Tract

Vincent United F.C. is proposing the development of Heyser Park. Mr. Rinehart moved to authorize Mr. Leinbach and Mr. Koury to meet and negotiate with Vincent United F.C. regarding the development of Heyser Park. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Leinbach stated two agreements would be necessary; one for the park development/dedication to the Township and one for the maintenance. Mr. Preston requested letters of commitment be provided to the Township to determine the feasibility and capability of the F.C.

Schuylkill River Trail Project

Mr. Leinbach noted the Schuylkill River Trail Project was previously approved by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Leinbach moved to authorize Parks and Recreation and the Historical Commission to review the Schuylkill River Trail Project and work together on the project. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vesty Variance

Mr. Leinbach moved to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer to contact the Vesty's and explain their options and enforce the stop work order of the barn if necessary. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Uniform Construction Code

Mr. Leinbach moved to authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare the ordinance for the Department of Labor and Industry International Building Code issues. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Leinbach moved to approve payment of the bills as presented. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. ADDITIONAL ITEMS BEFORE THE BOARD

The Board addressed the letter sent to them from the Planning Commission inquiring of the Board's decisions concerning Calvary Baptist Church. Mr. Preston responded that where a road intersects with a 'T' the 'T' should be so many feet apart and if it less than 100' feet it should intersect with a road. Mr. Leinbach stated the importance of sketch plans and the review of sketch plans in writing. The Township Manager was instructed to prepare a response letter to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Rinehart stated the Northern Federation map would be available at the township building for comment.

Mr. Leinbach moved to oppose the airboat operation proposed on the Schuylkill River. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Leinbach stated Curtis Lammey of the Chester County Agricultural Land Preservation Board should be contacted regarding the letter sent dated March 4, 2004 regarding the Maack property. Mr. Leinbach noted Mr. Lammey should be made aware that the township paid 100% of the Maack property and copy the commissioners on the correspondence. Mr. Preston requested the Township Manager investigate where the Chester County open space monies are being spent.

Mr. Preston moved to authorize the Township Solicitor to proceed with the two (2) proposed ordinances concerning the technical specifications prepared by ARRO Consulting, Inc. for the subdivision improvements and the sewer construction. Mr. Leinbach seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Leinbach requested the Township Manager copy the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission on the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission document he received from Constance Megay.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The monthly meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Preston,
Township Secretary/Treasurer